

# MASSWILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (MHMGP)

## FY2017 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET

PROJECT TITLE:

☐ Private Landowner    ☐ Land Trust/NGO    ☐ Municipal

	CRITERIA	RANK
1	Project site protection status	
2	Detailed project map	
3	Project budget	
4	Number of Game species to benefit from project	
5	Number of State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) species to benefit from project	
6	Feasibility of project	
7	Appropriate scale to achieve habitat improvement goals	
8	Juxtaposition and Ecological Integrity	
9	Recreational activities open to public	
10	Partnerships and outreach (Leveraging of project)	
11	Consideration of effects of climate change	
	Total	

## MHMGP RANKING CRITERIA (TOTAL 155 POINTS)

- 1) MHMGP Management Area's protection status:
  - Conservation restriction or other permanent conservation status = **15** points
  - Chapter 61/61A or 61B = **5** points
  - Other temporary protection including previous LIP covenant = **2** points
  - No protection = **ineligible for program**
- 2) Application map is detailed showing the location of the parcel and identifies MHMGP management areas:
  - Detailed locus and MHMGP Management Areas = **10** points
  - Satisfactory: able to determine the location of the project = **5** points
  - Insufficient information: area not identified, confusing, or missing = **0** points
- 3) The proposed budget is detailed, itemized, reasonable for the services provided, and shows the cost and explanation of the work needed to achieve project goals:
  - Detailed and itemized, quotes included for contracted work = **10** points
  - Satisfactory, but lacking detail = **5** points
  - Insufficient budget information = **0** points
- 4) Benefits to game species from proposed habitat management project:
  - Habitat management provides high degree of benefit to species that are hunted, fished, or trapped = **15** points
  - Habitat management provides moderate degree of benefit to species that are hunted, fished, or trapped = **10** points
  - Habitat management provides minimal benefit to species that are hunted, fished, or trapped = **5** points
  - No benefit to species that are hunted, fished, and trapped = **0** points
  - **Additional five (+5)** points for deer habitat management in [zones](#) 1, 5, 6, or northern section of zone 8 (zone 8 north of the Massachusetts Turnpike / Route 90).
  - **Additional ten (+10)** points for deer habitat management in [zones](#) 2, 4N, 4S
- 5) Number of State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) species to benefit from the proposed habitat management project:
  - 11+ species = **15** points
  - 6-10 species = **10** points
  - 1-5 species = **5** points
  - 0 species = **0** points
  - **Additional five (+5)** points maximum for projects that benefit Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern Species

- 6) Project is technically feasible and likely to achieve the management goals within the grant agreement period:
- Project is technically feasible and can be successfully completed within the allotted grant agreement period = **15** points
  - Project has potential limitations which may impact the likelihood for success or completion within the grant agreement period = **8** points
  - Project has severe technical limitations which will reduce chances for success or project cannot be completed within the grant agreement period = **0** points
- 7) Project size is at the appropriate scale for habitat management goals:
- Appropriate scale = **10** points
  - Partially appropriate: supports some species but not others = **5** points
  - Not appropriate/insufficient = **0** points)
- 8) Intrinsic quality of project based on its juxtaposition to other similar habitat patches:
- Similar or complementary habitat adjacent to the MHMGP project area = **15** points
  - No similar or complementary habitat adjacent to the MHMGP project area, but within the targeted species' home range scale = **10** points
  - No similar or complementary habitat within the targeted species' home range scale = **0** points
- 9) Land is open to the public for the following activities:
- Area is open to hunting, fishing, and trapping without restrictions = **25** points
  - Area is open to a combination of hunting, fishing, and trapping with some restrictions (e.g. access to the property is limited due to state statutes (M.G.L. c. 131, § 58) or access to the property is limited due to municipal bylaws or landowner restrictions) = **10-20** points based on degree of restriction
  - Area is open to wildlife associated recreational activities = **5** points
  - Area is not open to the public = **0** points
- 10) Has the landowner established partnerships with or conducted outreach to organizations or neighbors?
- The landowner has previously engaged with other organizations/individuals in the habitat management process or will do so through this project = **5** points
  - The landowner is not establishing partnerships = **0** points)
- 11) Did the applicant describe how climate change was considered in the development of their habitat management proposal?
- The landowner considered climate change in their proposal = **5** points
  - The landowner did not consider climate change in their proposal = **0** points